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Following please find the following:

1. Response to Office Action dated June 22, 2004;
2. Drawings Replacement Sheet 1/3; and
3. Copy of page 46 of the Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary showing the definition of "anneal".

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2004, the following faxed amendment(s) and/or remark(s) are submitted. Applicants respectfully request that this reply be entered into the record as a substantive reply to the outstanding Office Action.

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